

109 Glenwood Boulevard,
Schenectady, N.Y.,
Monday, Sept. 8, 1924,

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw, Secy.
Edison Pioneers,
29 West 39th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Your note was received, announcing, sadly, the death, in Philadelphia, of Joseph Cushing, first superintendent of the (pioneer) Pearl Street Central Station, and the very ripe age of 85.

Among the early Edison men, he was one of those whom I esteemed most highly — conscientious, patient, an able mechanical superintendent, and always a cultured gentleman, of whom we had more too many in those early, and somewhat wild, days, when all were on edge making a new and then big enterprise a success, but with eyes open and mind alert for early detection and arrest of disastrous trouble from any unforeseen direction.

Mr. John W. Lieb telephoned me, on the 6th, asking my aid, for your benefit in writing the obituary note, especially as to time when Mr. Cushing came to Pearl Street, and when succeeded by Mr. Chinnoch. I will, tonight, look through a scrapbook, which may throw light on the matter. Yesterday and Saturday I could not do this, as I was drafted for picnics.

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In the meantime, let me suggest the following for your attention:-

- (1) An obituary notice of Mr. Chinnock's death (with portrait) was published in the Electrical World, and can be found in your library upstairs. It was some two or three years ago. If my memory is right, the notice stated times when he went to Pearl Street; also when he left there. The former will fix date of Mr. Casseve's leaving.
- (2) Chas. S. Bradley was at Pearl Street, under both Mr. Casseve and Mr. Chinnock. You may learn something from him. Confidentially, he is in no way retained by the General Electric Co.
- (3) Possibly, you may get some information of Mr. Casseve's going to Pearl Street, and of Mr. Chinnock's appearance there, from the early files of the Electrical World, its predecessor The Tel. Operator (or some similar name), the Electrical Review, doubtfully, the Scientific American, and the daily Sun, although a search in the latter would be very laborious.
- (4) Mr. Campbell (now a dist. saft. of the New York Edison Co.) was at Pearl Street under both above gentlemen, and may help you.
Will write promptly results from my scrapbook. Was surprised to find nothing in my complete file of early Edison Bulletins.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. L. Leback,